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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of automatically processing an image comprising the steps of
 locating, within the image, features having a high spatial variance by:
 thresholding and skeletonising the image to produce an image comprising single pixel width definition of features; and
 discarding features of the produced image having a size less than a predetermined size; and
 fitting curves to the remaining features; and
 stroking the image with a series of brush strokes emanating from remaining features of the produced image in accordance with the fitted curves.
 2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said brush stroke have decreasing sizes near important features of the image.
 3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said brush strokes include opacity and bump maps for added realism.
 4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the position of a predetermined portion of brush strokes undergoes random jittering.
 5. (Cancelled).
 6. (Cancelled).
 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of discarding comprises discarding located features having a size of less than 20 contiguous pixels.
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